GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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WILDLIFE TRADE BAN ON INDIA BY UN
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's wildlife credentials are being questioned not just at home but also abroad;

(b) if so, whether India has been rapped for not complying with requirements on a separate law to specifically protect wild animals and plants life;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether UN administered Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild flora and fauna (CITES) has imposed trade ban on India;

(e) if so, the extent to which the import and export is likely to be affected; and

(f) the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d) In democratic set up, legislation is a time taking process. Due to delay in putting a CITES - specific legislation, the Parties to the treaty were advised by the CITES Secretariat to suspend commercial trade in CITES listed species with India temporarily.

(e) & (f) India does not have a significant trade in wildlife and its derivatives. The advisory to suspend the trade has been withdrawn by CITES on 14th March, 2005 after the detailed schedule for having a CITES - specific legislation was formulated and communicated to the CITES Secretariat by the Government.